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Please cancel without prejudice or disclaimer claims 24-29, 32-37, 39-47, 52-57, 60-66, 68-87, 126-141 and 151-173.

Please add the following new claims 174-225.

174. (Newly Added -- See Old Claim 26) A label applicator construction, comprising:
a liner sheet;

facestock attached to the liner sheet, the facestock including at least one facestock weakened separation line defining at least in part a plurality of aligned facestock labels;

the liner sheet including at least one liner sheet weakened separation line at least in part separating the liner sheet into a removable liner strip and a liner body portion; and

the liner strip when in a separated position being separated from the liner body portion and backsides of the facestock labels being exposed such that the liner body portion can be manipulated such that the facestock labels are in desired positions relative to at least one surface and the facestock labels applied to the at least one surface;

wherein the liner strip includes liner sheet portions adhered to respective ones of the facestock labels before the liner strip is positioned in the separated position; and

wherein the liner strip includes a liner sheet bar to which the liner sheet portions are connected.

175. (Newly Added -- See Old Claim 27) A label applicator construction, comprising:
a liner sheet;

facestock attached to the liner sheet, the facestock including at least one facestock weakened separation line defining at least in part a plurality of aligned facestock labels;

the liner sheet including at least one liner sheet weakened separation line at least in part separating the liner sheet into a removable liner strip and a liner body portion; and

the liner strip when in a separated position being separated from the liner body portion and backsides of the facestock labels being exposed such that the liner body portion can be manipulated such that the facestock labels are in desired positions relative to at least one surface and the facestock labels applied to the at least one surface;

wherein the facestock includes ties which connect the labels together when on the liner sheet and allow the labels to be separated to position them in the separated position.

176. (Newly Added -- See Old Claim 39) A label applicator construction, comprising:
a liner sheet;

facestock attached to the liner sheet, the facestock including at least one facestock weakened separation line defining at least in part a plurality of aligned facestock labels;

the liner sheet including at least one liner sheet weakened separation line at least in part separating the liner sheet into a removable liner strip and a liner body portion; and

the liner strip when in a separated position being separated from the liner body portion and backsides of the facestock labels being exposed such that the liner body portion can be manipulated such that the facestock labels are in desired positions relative to at least one surface and the facestock labels applied to the at least one surface;

wherein the plurality of aligned facestock labels defines a plurality of aligned facestock first labels aligned in a first line, the removable liner strip defines a first liner strip, the liner body portion defines a first liner body portion, the facestock includes a plurality of aligned facestock second labels aligned in a second line spaced from and parallel to the first line, the liner sheet includes a removable second liner strip disposed substantially between the aligned facestock first and second lines of labels.

177. (Newly Added -- See Old Claim 40) The construction of claim 176 wherein the first liner body portion includes the second liner body portion.

178. (Newly Added -- See Old Claim 42) A label applicator construction, comprising:
a liner sheet;

facestock attached to the liner sheet, the facestock including at least one facestock weakened separation line defining at least in part a plurality of aligned facestock labels;

the liner sheet including at least one liner sheet weakened separation line at least in part separating the liner sheet into a removable liner strip and a liner body portion; and

the liner strip when in a separated position being separated from the liner body portion and backsides of the facestock labels being exposed such that the liner body portion can be manipulated such that the facestock labels are in desired positions relative to at least one surface and the facestock labels applied to the at least one surface;

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wherein the aligned facestock labels are interconnected by thin facestock necks which are breakable by a user to separate the facestock labels.

179. (Newly Added -- See Old Claim 43) A label applicator construction, comprising:
a liner sheet;

facestock attached to the liner sheet, the facestock including at least one facestock weakened separation line defining at least in part a plurality of aligned facestock labels;

the liner sheet including at least one liner sheet weakened separation line at least in part separating the liner sheet into a removable liner strip and a liner body portion; and

the liner strip when in a separated position being separated from the liner body portion and backsides of the facestock labels being exposed such that the liner body portion can be manipulated such that the facestock labels are in desired positions relative to at least one surface and the facestock labels applied to the at least one surface;

wherein the liner strip includes a plurality of protruding portions to which respective facestock labels are adhered before the liner strip is in the separated position.

180. (Newly Added -- See Generally Old Claim 37) A label applicator construction, comprising:

a liner sheet;

facestock attached to the liner sheet, the facestock including at least one facestock weakened separation line defining at least in part a plurality of aligned facestock labels;

the liner sheet including at least one liner sheet weakened separation line at least in part separating the liner sheet into a removable liner strip and a liner body portion; and

the liner strip when in a separated position being separated from the liner body portion and backsides of the facestock labels being exposed such that the liner body portion can be manipulated such that the facestock labels are in desired positions relative to at least one surface and the facestock labels applied to the at least one surface;

wherein top edges of each of the facestock labels are freestanding and unattached to the facestock when the liner strip is in the separated position.

181. (Newly Added -- See Generally Old Claims 30 and 31) A label applicator construction, comprising:

a liner sheet;

facestock attached to the liner sheet, the facestock including at least one facestock weakened separation line defining at least in part a plurality of aligned facestock labels;

the liner sheet including at least one liner sheet weakened separation line at least in part separating the liner sheet into a removable liner strip and a liner body portion;

a stack of tabbed divider sheets having staggered tabs; and

the liner strip when in a separated position being separated from the liner body portion and backsides of the facestock labels being exposed such that the liner body portion can be manipulated such that the facestock labels are in desired positions relative to the staggered tabs and the facestock labels applied to the staggered tabs.

182. (Newly Added -- See Generally Old Claim 30) The construction of claim 181 wherein the tabbed sheets are tabbed divider sheets.

183. (Newly Added -- See Generally Old Claim 31) The construction of claim 181 wherein the tabbed sheets are file folders.

184. (Newly Added -- See Generally Old Claim 44) A label applicator construction, comprising:

a liner sheet;

facestock attached to the liner sheet with adhesive, the facestock including a plurality of longitudinally aligned facestock labels;

the liner strip being repositionable by a user from an attached position attached by the adhesive to the facestock to a separated position;

the liner sheet including a liner strip and a liner body portion; and

the liner strip when in the separated position being separated from the liner body portion and backsides of the facestock labels thereby being exposed whereby the liner body portion can be manipulated such that the facestock labels are in desired positions relative to at least one surface and the facestock labels can be applied with the adhesive on the backsides of the facestock labels to the at least one surface in the desired positions.

185. (Newly Added -- See Generally Old Claim 45) The construction of claim 184 wherein the facestock includes an ink and/or laser receptive facestock sheet and the liner sheet is a release coated paper liner sheet.

186. (Newly Added -- See Generally Old Claim 47) A label applicator construction, comprising:

a liner sheet;

facestock attached to the liner sheet, the facestock including at least one facestock weakened separation line defining at least in part a plurality of aligned facestock labels;

the liner sheet including a liner strip and a liner body portion;

the liner strip being positionable in an attached position on the facestock labels and in an alternative removed position removed from the facestock labels;

the liner strip when in the removed position exposing bottom surfaces of the labels such that the labels can be removed and applied in an applied position alignment to at least one surface; and

adhesive which adheres the liner strip to the facestock labels when the liner strip is in the attached position and which also adheres the labels to the at least one surface when the labels are in the applied position.

187. (Newly Added -- See Old Claim 48) A label applicator construction, comprising:

a liner sheet;

facestock attached to the liner sheet, the facestock including at least one facestock weakened separation line defining at least in part a plurality of aligned facestock labels;

the liner sheet including a liner strip and a liner body portion;

the liner strip being positionable in an attached position on the facestock labels and in an alternative removed position removed from the facestock labels; and

the liner strip when in the removed position exposing bottom surfaces of the labels such that the labels can be removed and applied in alignment to at least one surface;

wherein the strip is configured with serially-connected strip portions interconnected by thin necks, each of the strip portions being attached on a respective one of the labels when the strip is in the attached position.

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188. (Newly Added -- See Old Claim 49) The construction of claim 187 wherein each of the strip portions has substantially the same size and shape as its respective label.

189. (Newly Added -- See Old Claim 50) The construction of claim 187 wherein each of the strip portions is slightly larger than its respective label.

190. (Newly Added -- See Generally Old Claim 54) A label applicator construction, comprising:

a liner sheet;

facestock attached to the liner sheet, the facestock including at least one facestock weakened separation line defining at least in part a plurality of aligned facestock labels;

the liner sheet including a liner strip and a liner body portion;

the liner strip being positionable in an attached position on the facestock labels and in an alternative removed position removed from the facestock labels; and

the liner strip when in the removed position exposing bottom surfaces of the labels such that the labels can be removed and applied in alignment to at least one surface;

wherein the liner strip defines a first liner strip, the plurality of aligned facestock labels defines a plurality of aligned first facestock labels, the facestock includes a plurality of aligned second facestock labels disposed parallel to and spaced from the first facestock labels, the liner sheet including a second liner strip; and

wherein the second liner strip is positionable in an attached position on the second facestock labels and in an alternative removed position removed from the second facestock labels, the second liner strip when in the removed position exposing bottom surfaces of the second facestock labels such that the second facestock labels can be removed and applied in alignment to the at least one surface.

191. (Newly Added -- See Old Claim 57) A label applicator construction, comprising:

a liner sheet;

facestock attached to the liner sheet, the facestock including at least one facestock weakened separation line defining at least in part a plurality of aligned facestock labels;

the liner sheet including a liner strip and a liner body portion;

the liner strip being positionable in an attached position on the facestock labels and in an alternative removed position removed from the facestock labels; and

the liner strip when in the removed position exposing bottom surfaces of the labels such that the labels can be removed and applied in alignment to at least one surface;

wherein the facestock includes first and second facestock portions separated by a thin space extending from side-to-side or end-to-end on the liner sheet, the liner sheet including a weakened separation line in the thin space whereby the liner sheet can be separated along the weakened separation line to define a first liner sheet portion on which the first facestock portion is attached and a separate second liner sheet portion on which the second facestock portion is attached.

192. (Newly Added -- See Old Claim 68) A label applicator construction, comprising:
facestock including a plurality of aligned facestock labels;
a liner sheet assembly including at least first and second liner strips separable from one another;
the liner sheet assembly being adhered to the facestock;
the first liner strip being separable relative to the facestock to a separated position wherein adhesive backsides of the facestock labels are in exposed positions; and
with the facestock labels in the exposed positions, the liner sheet assembly including the second liner strip can be manipulated by a user into a desired position relative to at least one surface and the facestock labels separated from one another and adhesively applied to the at least one surface;
wherein the facestock labels when in the exposed positions are attached to adjacent portions of the facestock only by breakable ties.

193. (Newly Added -- See Old Claim 69) A label applicator construction, comprising:
facestock including a plurality of aligned facestock labels;
a liner sheet assembly including at least first and second liner strips separable from one another;
the liner sheet assembly being adhered to the facestock;
the first liner strip being separable relative to the facestock to a separated position wherein adhesive backsides of the facestock labels are in exposed positions; and
with the facestock labels in the exposed positions, the liner sheet assembly including the second liner strip can be manipulated by a user into a desired position relative to at least one

surface and the facestock labels separated from one another and adhesively applied to the at least one surface;

wherein the facestock labels when in the exposed positions are positioned along and extend out from an edge of the liner sheet.

194. (Newly Added -- See Old Claim 71) A label applicator construction, comprising:
facestock including a plurality of aligned facestock labels;
a liner sheet assembly including at least first and second liner strips separable from one another;

the liner sheet assembly being adhered to the facestock;

the first liner strip being separable relative to the facestock to a separated position wherein adhesive backsides of the facestock labels are in exposed positions; and

with the facestock labels in the exposed positions, the liner sheet assembly including the second liner strip can be manipulated by a user into a desired position relative to at least one surface and the facestock labels separated from one another and adhesively applied to the at least one surface;

wherein at least one die cut line separates the first liner strip from the second liner strip; and

wherein adhesive on the facestock holds the first and second liner strips together until the first liner strip is separated to the separated position.

195. (Newly Added -- See Old Claim 78) A label applicator construction, comprising:
a liner sheet;
facestock attached with adhesive to the liner sheet;
at least one liner sheet cut line through the liner sheet but not the adjacent facestock;
at least one facestock cut line through the facestock but not through the liner sheet;
the at least one facestock cut line defining at least a portion of perimeters of facestock labels; and

the liner sheet cut lines allowing separation of a portion of the liner sheet from another portion to thereby assist a user in positioning the facestock labels at desired locations on at least one surface and adhered thereto with the adhesive;

wherein the facestock labels before separation are aligned with one another, and the at least one liner sheet cut line defines a liner sheet backing strip attached to backsides of the aligned facestock labels and removable therefrom to expose backsides of the facestock labels.

196. (Newly Added -- See Old Claim 81) A label applicator construction, comprising:
a liner sheet;
facestock attached with adhesive to the liner sheet;
at least one liner sheet cut line through the liner sheet but not the adjacent facestock;
at least one facestock cut line through the facestock but not through the liner sheet;
the at least one facestock cut line defining at least a portion of perimeters of facestock labels; and

the liner sheet cut lines allowing separation of a portion of the liner sheet from another portion to thereby assist a user in positioning the facestock labels at desired locations on at least one surface and adhered thereto with the adhesive;

wherein with the liner sheet portion separated from the another liner sheet portion, the facestock labels are serially interconnected with breakable facestock thin connector strips.

197. (Newly Added -- See Old Claim 82) A label applicator construction, comprising:
a liner sheet;
facestock attached with adhesive to the liner sheet;
at least one liner sheet cut line through the liner sheet but not the adjacent facestock;
at least one facestock cut line through the facestock but not through the liner sheet;
the at least one facestock cut line defining at least a portion of perimeters of facestock labels; and

the liner sheet cut lines allowing separation of a portion of the liner sheet from another portion to thereby assist a user in positioning the facestock labels at desired locations on at least one surface and adhered thereto with the adhesive;

wherein the at least one facestock cut line defines a facestock handle portion adjacent one of the facestock labels and separable therewith as a unit from the liner sheet.

198. (Newly Added -- See Old Claim 83) The construction of claim 197 wherein the at least one liner sheet cut line defines a liner sheet portion attached to the facestock handle portion and forming part of the separable unit.

199. (Newly Added -- See Old Claim 84) The construction of claim 197 wherein the at least one facestock cut line defines a weakened separation line between the facestock handle portion and the adjacent facestock label and allowing separation of the facestock handle portion from the adjacent facestock label after the unit has been separated.

200. (Newly Added -- See Old Claim 153) A label applicator construction, comprising:

- a liner sheet;
- facestock attached to the liner sheet;
- the facestock including at least one weakened separation line defining at least a portion of perimeters of a facestock label and a facestock handle portion;
- the facestock including at least one weakened facestock line separating the facestock handle portion from the facestock label;
- the liner sheet including at least one weakened liner-sheet line defining at least a portion of a liner sheet patch on the handle portion, the patch positioned entirely on the side of the facestock handle portion of the at least one weakened facestock line;
- the facestock label and the handle portion being removable from the liner sheet with the liner sheet patch on the handle portion and thereby exposing adhesive on a back surface of the facestock label; and
- the handle portion being separable along the at least one weakened facestock line and as a unit with the liner sheet patch adhered to the handle portion, from the facestock label with the facestock label adhered with the adhesive in a desired position on an article;
- wherein a liner sheet portion of the liner sheet is adhered to the handle portion and is removable from the liner sheet as part of the unit.

201. (Newly Added -- See Old Claim 154) The construction of claim 200 wherein at least one cut line in the liner sheet defines at least a portion of a perimeter of the liner sheet portion.

202. (Newly Added -- See Old Claim 155) The construction of claim 201 wherein the at least one cut line penetrates the liner sheet but not the facestock.

203. (Newly Added -- See Old Claim 156) The construction of claim 200 wherein the liner sheet portion is smaller than the handle portion.

204. (Newly Added -- See Old Claim 157) The construction of claim 200 wherein the handle portion is larger than the liner sheet portion and defines a frame around the liner sheet portion.

205. (Newly Added -- See Old Claim 128) A label applicator construction, comprising:
a liner sheet;
facestock attached with adhesive to the liner sheet;
at least one liner sheet weakened line through the liner sheet but not the facestock adjacent thereto;
at least one facestock weakened line through the facestock but not through the liner sheet;
the at least one facestock weakened line defining at least a portion of perimeters of facestock labels; and
the liner sheet weakened lines allowing separation of a portion of the liner sheet from another portion to thereby assist a user in positioning the facestock labels at desired locations on at least one surface and adhered thereto with the adhesive;
wherein the facestock sheet weakened lines allow separation of a portion of the facestock from another portion of the facestock.

206. (Newly Added -- See Old Claim 129) The construction of claim 205 wherein the at least one facestock weakened line defines at least a portion of a perimeter of a facestock handle portion adjacent to one of the facestock labels and is removable from the facestock as a unit and subsequently separable therefrom.

207. (Newly Added -- See Old Claim 130) The construction of claim 206 wherein the at least one liner sheet weakened line defines at least a portion of a perimeter of liner sheet handle portion attached to the facestock handle portion and forming part of the unit.

208. (Newly Added -- See Old Claim 131) The construction of claim 205 wherein the facestock labels before separation are aligned with one another, and the at least one liner sheet weakened line defines a liner sheet backing strip attached to backsides of the aligned facestock labels and removable therefrom to expose backsides of the facestock labels.

209. (Newly Added -- See Old Claim 132) The construction of claim 205 wherein the at least one liner sheet weakened line separates the liner sheet into a removable liner strip and a liner body portion, the removable liner strip when separated from the liner body portion exposes backsides of the facestock labels.

210. (Newly Added -- See Old Claim 133) The construction of claim 205 wherein the adhesive is a pressure sensitive adhesive, and the facestock is an ink and/or laser receptive topcoated facestock sheet which is laminated via the adhesive to the liner sheet.

211. (Newly Added -- See Old Claim 135) The construction of claim 205 wherein the at least one liner sheet weakened line defines a liner sheet portion attached to the facestock handle portion and forming part of the separable unit.

212. (Newly Added -- See Old Claim 136) The construction of claim 128 wherein the at least one facestock weakened line defines a facestock handle portion adjacent one of the facestock labels and separable therewith as a unit from the liner sheet.

213. (Newly Added -- See Old Claim 137) The construction of claim 136 wherein the at least one facestock weakened line defines a weakened separation line between the facestock handle portion and the adjacent facestock label and allowing separation of the facestock handle portion from the adjacent facestock label after the unit has been separated.

214. (Newly Added -- See Old Claim 138) The construction of claim 128 wherein the facestock labels have ink and/or toner receptive surfaces.

215. (Newly Added -- See Old Claim 139) The construction of claim 128 wherein each of the facestock labels has a rectangular shape with rounded corners.

216. (Newly Added -- See Generally Old Claim 140) The construction of claim 128 wherein the facestock is a printable polyester film.

217. (Newly Added -- See Old Claim 141) The construction of claim 128 wherein the facestock sheet weakened lines are die cut.

218. (Newly Added -- See Old Allowable Claim 56) A label applicator construction, comprising:

a liner sheet;

facestock attached to the liner sheet, the facestock including at least one facestock weakened separation line defining at least in part a plurality of aligned facestock labels;

the liner sheet including a liner strip and a liner body portion;

the liner strip being positionable in an attached position on the facestock labels and in an alternative removed position removed from the facestock labels; and

the liner strip when in the removed position exposing bottom surfaces of the labels such that the labels can be removed and applied in alignment to at least one surface;

wherein the liner sheet and the facestock form a laminate construction sheet, and with the labels removed and the liner strip in the removed position, a series of spaced holes through the laminate construction sheet are formed; and

wherein thin neck portions of the facestock uncoated with the liner sheet interconnect adjacent ones of the spaced holes.

219. (Newly Added -- See Old Allowable Claim 134) A label applicator construction, comprising:

a liner sheet;

facestock attached with adhesive to the liner sheet;

at least one liner sheet weakened line through the liner sheet but not the facestock adjacent thereto;

at least one facestock weakened line through the facestock but not through the liner sheet;

the at least one facestock weakened line defining at least a portion of perimeters of facestock labels; and

the liner sheet weakened lines allowing separation of a portion of the liner sheet from another portion to thereby assist a user in positioning the facestock labels at desired locations on at least one surface and adhered thereto with the adhesive;

wherein the facestock sheet weakened lines allow separation of a portion of the facestock from another portion of the facestock; and

wherein when the liner sheet portion is separated from the another liner sheet portion, the facestock labels are serially interconnected with breakable facestock thin connector strips.

220. (Newly Added -- See Old Claim 72) A label applicator construction, comprising:
facestock including a plurality of aligned facestock labels;
a liner sheet assembly including at least first and second liner strips separable from one another;

the liner sheet assembly being adhered to the facestock;

the first liner strip being separable relative to the facestock to a separated position wherein adhesive backsides of the facestock labels are in exposed positions; and

with the facestock labels in the exposed positions, the liner sheet assembly including the second liner strip can be manipulated by a user into a desired position relative to at least one surface and the facestock labels separated from one another and adhesively applied to the at least one surface;

wherein the facestock includes a first facestock strip adhered to the first liner strip and a second facestock strip adhered to the second liner strip.

221. (Newly Added -- See Old Claim 73) A label applicator construction, comprising:
facestock including a plurality of aligned facestock labels;
a liner sheet assembly including at least first and second liner strips separable from one another;

the liner sheet assembly being adhered to the facestock;

the first liner strip being separable relative to the facestock to a separated position wherein adhesive backsides of the facestock labels are in exposed positions; and

with the facestock labels in the exposed positions, the liner sheet assembly including the second liner strip can be manipulated by a user into a desired position relative to at least one surface and the facestock labels separated from one another and adhesively applied to the at least one surface;

wherein the liner sheet assembly includes a first liner sheet portion which includes the first and second liner strips, a second liner sheet portion and a weakened separation line separating the first and second liner sheet portions.

222. (Newly Added -- See Generally Old Claim 24) A label applicator construction, comprising:

a liner sheet;

facestock attached to the liner sheet, the facestock including at least one facestock weakened separation line defining at least in part at least three longitudinally aligned facestock labels, each of the labels being the same size and shape;

the liner sheet including at least one liner sheet weakened separation line at least in part separating the liner sheet into a removable liner strip and a liner body portion; and

the liner strip when in a separated position being separated from the liner body portion and backsides of the facestock labels being exposed such that the liner body portion can be manipulated so that the facestock labels are in desired positions relative to at least one surface and the facestock labels applied to the at least one surface.

223. (Newly Added) The construction of claim 184 wherein the plurality of longitudinally aligned facestock labels includes more than three labels and each of the labels has the same size and shape.

224. (Newly Added -- See Generally Old Claim 66) A label applicator construction, comprising:

facestock including at least three longitudinally aligned facestock labels, each of the labels having the same size and shape;

a liner sheet assembly including at least first and second liner strips separable from one another;

the liner sheet assembly being adhered to the facestock;

the first liner strip being separable relative to the facestock to a separated position wherein adhesive backsides of the facestock labels are in exposed positions; and

with the facestock labels in the exposed positions, the liner sheet assembly including the second liner strip can be manipulated by a user into a desired position relative to at least one surface and the facestock labels separated from one another and adhesively applied to the at least one surface.

225. (Newly Added -- See Generally Old Claim 66) A label applicator construction, comprising:

a liner sheet;

facestock attached with adhesive to the liner sheet;

at least one liner sheet cut line through the liner sheet but not the adjacent facestock;

at least one facestock cut line through the facestock but not through the liner sheet;

the at least one facestock cut line defining at least a portion of perimeters of facestock labels;

the liner sheet cut lines allowing separation of a portion of the liner sheet from another portion to thereby assist a user in positioning the facestock labels at desired locations on at least one surface and adhered thereto with the adhesive; and

the facestock labels include at least three longitudinally aligned labels, each having the same size and shape.

REMARKS

In the above-mentioned Office Action, claims 24, 25, 27-29, 32-37, 39-47, 52-55, 57, 60-66, 68-76, 78-82, 84-87, 126-133, 135-141, 152-161 and 167-172 were rejected as being anticipated by *Gelsinger*, claims 29-29, 32-37, 39-47, 52, 53, 55, 57, 60-66, 68-87, 126-133, 135-141, 152-161 and 167-172 were rejected as being anticipated by *Shigot*, claims 24-29, 32-37, 39-47, 52, 53, 55, 57, 60-66, 68-87, 126-133, 135-141 and 152-173 were rejected as being unpatentable over *Gilgot*, and claim 140 was rejected under Section 112, second paragraph.

Claims 142-150 were allowed. The allowance of claims 142-150 is acknowledged with appreciation, and they remain in the application. The rejected and objected to claims have been canceled, and new claims 174-225 have been added.